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Request No.: 1447366-000

Subject: KOTEN, BERNARD LOUIS

Dear Mr. Silverman:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to the FBI. Below you find information relevant to your request. Please read each item carefully.

Your request did not contain enough identifying information for this office to make a determination regarding the responsiveness of records in our Central Records System. Therefore, your request is being administratively closed. Please provide any additional information that would help locate the records with a reasonable amount of effort. This might include the subject's complete name, date of birth, prior addresses, former employment information, or any incidents for which you believe the FBI may have investigated the subject. This office will conduct a new search upon receipt of the additional information.

For questions on how to reasonably describe your request, please email us at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. You may also visit www.fbi.gov and select "Services," "Information Management," and "Freedom of Information/Privacy Act" for additional guidance.

Please include the FOIPA number listed above as a reference in any future correspondence.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

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